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2003-04 proved to be a momentous year!



Carson Kressley, star of Bravo's hit "Queer Eye For the Straight Guy" with Pride Board Members at "Coming Out with Carson Kressley." The event was part of the 2003 Lehigh Valley Queer Film Festival hosted by Pride of the Greater Lehigh Valley.*

Pride's 2003 successful events, programs and achievements included...

The incorporation of the group's new name to Pride of the Greater Lehigh Valley

Community leaders from various organizations constructing Pride's new bylaws

The 2003 Queer Film Festival, including Lehigh Valley native celebrity, Carson Kressley

The first Gender Blender Youth Ball for ages 14 - 20 to celebrate National Coming Out Day

2004 National Coming Out events

The successful re-structuring of the June Pride Festival to "Pride in the Park"

A Holiday Toy Drive to benefit Spirit of the Lehigh Valley

The 2004 Pride Pass discount card program

The design and manufacturing of Pride's exclusive embroidered Rainbow Ribbons

The creation of the Rainbow Scholarship for Queer Youth seeking higher education

The Northeast Regional Pride Conference (NERP) hosted by Pride in Bethlehem, PA

Rainbow Riffs: A Queer Concert for Visionary Voices at Lehigh University

The Big Apple Marching Corps Band's invitation acceptance for the 2004 Pride Parade

The second annual Dining Out for Diversity event at Red Robin Restaurant

The 2004 King & Queen Pageants as well as the conception of the 2004 Prince & Princess Pageants

The fostering and development of community partnerships

(MCC, HAVEN, PALS, Theater Outlet, Stonewall, Diamonz, Red Robin, Green Cafe)

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Pride in the Park

Main Stage Entertainment

12:45 p.m. OPENING CEREMONIES

Featuring the National Anthem sung by the Lehigh Valley Gay Men's Chorus, opening prayer by Rev. Elizabeth Goudy of the Metropolitan Community Church, special opening performance with local talent, statements of support by local elected officials, the 2004 Pride Parade awards and more!

Ms. Tinsel Garland, *Mistress of Ceremonies* is one of the top female impersonators/comedians of the East Coast. From the start of his career in the resorts of Asbury Park and Atlantic City, New Jersey he has taken his talent southward to Florida and such exotic places as San Juan, Puerto Rico. More than a pretty face in a dress, his comic singing and excelling live ad-lib have received much recognition such as the Philadelphia Gay News Lambda Awards "Entertainer of the Year" and the Atlantic City Bar Awards "Entertainer of the Year." Now that Tinsel has moved to Pittsburgh, he is looking forward to performing for new audiences. For more information please contact tinsel_garland@yahoo.com.



1:30 p.m. -- THE bootLICKERS and their irreverent stage shows, a love of music, and great songs have captivated audiences all along the east coast for the past five years. It all began at Philly's most notorious leather/levi bar - The Bike Stop. The bootLICKERS Sunday night residency at the Bike Stop allowed the band to hone their skills as musicians as well as entertainers. Anything that could've gone wrong – did! But, somehow, the band prevailed and became a Sunday night institution! In fact, the bootLICKERS released their first cd Universal Nancy on a whim. And now with their new opus, **HUGE**, the bootLICKERS are systematically invading American airwaves, restoring credibility to hi-fi's worldwide! For more information visit www.thebootlickers.com



3:00 p.m. -- KELLI DUNHAM is not your typical lesbian ex-nun stand-up comic. Kelli grew up near Hartford, Wisconsin. While growing up she and her sister attended an extremely conservative fundamentalist Christian school where the rulebook forbade-among other things-attendance at unwholesome movies, dancing, card-playing, and the wearing of flannel shirts by females. While in high school,



Kelli spent two summers in Brazil and Korea with Teen Missions International, a missions organization that sent teenagers on work and evangelism teams to all sorts of spots over the globe. Kelli then began volunteering with the Missionaries of Charity and later requested to become an MC. She then reported to their convent in the Bronx for aspirancy, the first level of training. After 12 months in aspirancy Kelli left the convent and moved to Philadelphia where she went back to school and earned her RN in 1998. (www.kellidunham.com)

3:30 p.m. -- THE GLAMAZONS are a troupe of full-figured, unabashedly sexual ladies who strip, tease and please gay and straight audiences alike. Schooled in the tradition of vaudeville and burlesque, a Glamazons show features, song, dance, comedy and lots of tits and ass. Founded over two years ago, The Glamazons are a somewhat new entity, but they are a favorite of club promoters across the country, having performed at Susanne Bartsch's New Years Eve Extravaganza in Miami last year and, more recently, in a revue at New York City's legendary CBGB's. (glamazons@aol.com)



4:30 p.m. -- ARI GOLD was born and raised in the Bronx and currently a resident of the Lower East Side of NYC. He has been "wowing" audiences as a global recording and performing artist and is fast becoming a household name in the gay scene around the world. Ari's career began at age five, when he was discovered singing at his brother's bar-mitzvah. This led to a successful career as a child vocalist singing on over 400 jingles, doing various animated voices for Cabbage Patch Kids and the cartoon Jem and back-up singing for the likes of Diana Ross. Gold released his self-titled debut CD in 2001 to rave reviews from the press without the backing of a record label.. Ari's most recent project is his sophomore album titled Space Under Sun released in January 2004 on his own label Gold18 Records which debut at #1 on the Outvoice Charts. Ari is currently touring the world in support of his new album Space Under Sun. (www.arigold.com)



6:00 p.m. -- SISTER FUNK was formed in 2000 through a pinch of fate, a little help from a NY producer, and a whole lot of groove! Five female "solo" artists, Troy - vocals & keyboards, Tina - vocals & sax, Vange - vocals & guitar, Wendy - vocals & bass, & Blaze - drums & percussion, were united in mind &

6:00 p.m. -- SISTER FUNK (continued)

spirit and created the undeniable SISTER FUNK sound. From the deserts of New Mexico to the mountaintops of Canada, SISTER FUNK has spread their funky vibe! Whether you've read about them in the media, heard their groove over the airwaves, or were fortunate enough to have experienced their funkified live show, SISTER FUNK leaves a lasting impression! These pop divas continue to share stages with national acts such as Mario, international R&B recording artist, C & C Music Factory ("Everybody Dance Now"), and with some of the most renowned entertainers in the GLBT community - Cris Williamson, Suzanne Westenhoffer, and Melissa Ferrick. Sister Funk is not just a band; they're a contagious vibe, and they invite you to experience their mutha of a groove! (www.sisterfunk.com)



7:30 p.m. - ZEN FOR PRIMATES is a local band from the Lehigh Valley. As legend has it, when lead singer, T. Roth saw guitarist Mike Krisukas perform in a club in 1987 in the Lehigh Valley in Pennsylvania, they quickly became friends and formed an eight-piece rock band, called 'The Incredible



Baby Eddie," which combined T. Roth's love of music and theater. While keeping Baby Eddie on the road, Roth and Krisukas started working with saxophonist Dave Smith and violinist Mark Golin, creating Zen for Primates. The band's attention to detail and quality is also reflected in the choice of band members, like the cellist, Jody Beder, who is classically trained and plays with chamber orchestras, such as the Lehigh Valley Chamber Orchestra, Princeton Chamber Symphony and opera performances & recitals. (www.bummertent.com)

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2 to 4 p.m. -- DJ MARCELINO RIVERA grew up on the south side streets of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania where the neighborhoods were booming with a rich sound in music that included both the African American and Puerto Rican culture. The combination and sometimes integration of both cultures made an excellent arena for Marcelino to have a broad and wonderful musical experience. In 2002, Marcelino started his own record label by the name Spiritual Soul Records which will allow him to express and create music that comes from his soul through inspiration. Although he hasn't released any music on his label, he is in the process in connecting with local artists to create something that will best describe what Marcelino is all about.....Musically. Today, Marcelino is DJing at local venues and continues to spread the love of music. His goal is to make and DJ music that will touch and inspire music and dance lovers around the world.



4 to 6 p.m. -- DJ BABY J and Baby J Productions, Inc. brings Latin entertainment to new heights in Eastern Pennsylvania and Western New Jersey with such features as the Telly Award winning Sabroso Video, LUTV 24 hour Channel and several FM radio station broadcasts to name only a few. Sabroso Video has been on the air since June 1996. It started out as a local tv video show, created by producers Victor Rodriguez (Baby J) and Tanya Suarez (Star), both born and raised in NY. They both decided to bring the Latin flavor to these markets, by launching Latin programming with the Bilingual flavor in English and in Spanish. In the four years that Sabroso Video has been airing, it has been picked up respectfully, by four different markets which have a high population of Latinos like Philadelphia, Lehigh Valley, Reading and the Poconos. For more information please visit www.latinunlimted.com

6 to 9 p.m. -- DJ DAVID PETRILLA Being a veteran DJ of 30 years has given David the advantage to experience first hand the evolution of dance music from early disco to present day. This experience allows him to adapt his playing to accommodate a wide variety of crowds & venues from commercial and anthem to hard and heavy. David's studio experience includes performing and producing original published material as well as editing and remixing in his own studio for his own production company. In addition to presently holding residencies at The Stonewall, Woody's and Bounce, David's most recent gigs include Pure in Philadelphia and Paradise in Asbury Park as well as spinning for this year's Philadelphia Gay Pride.



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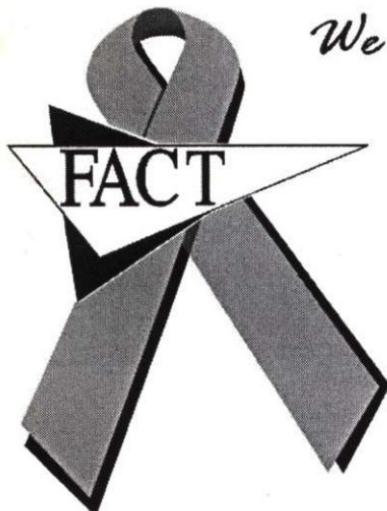
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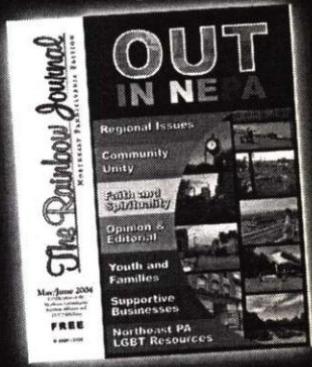
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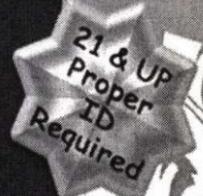
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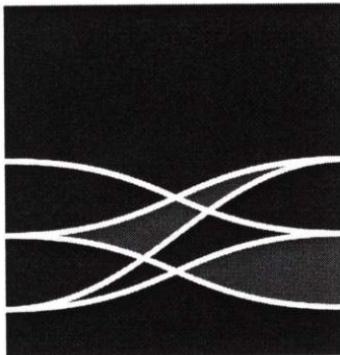
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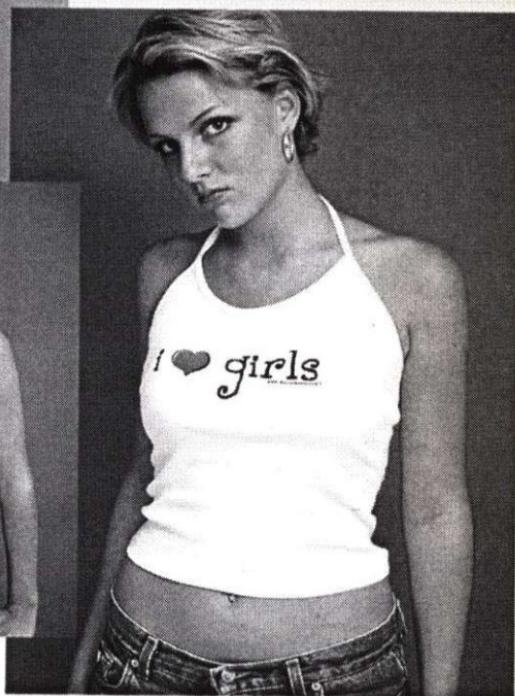
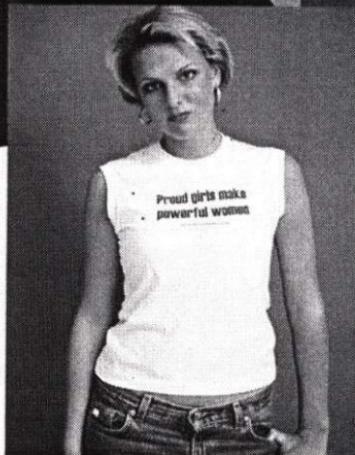
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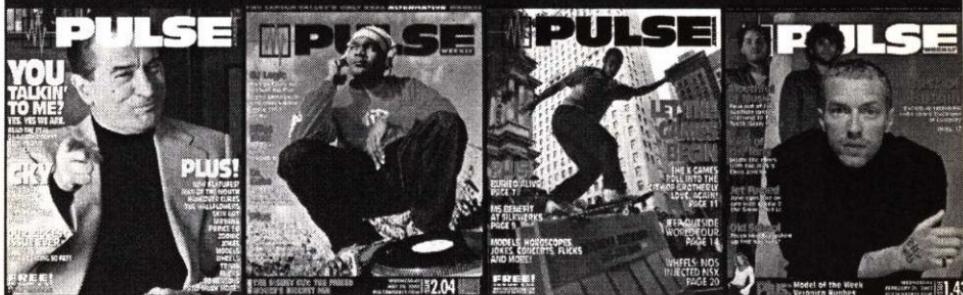
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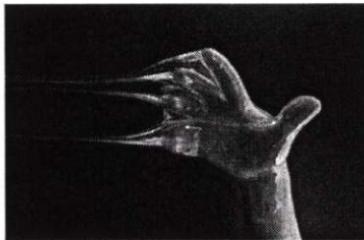
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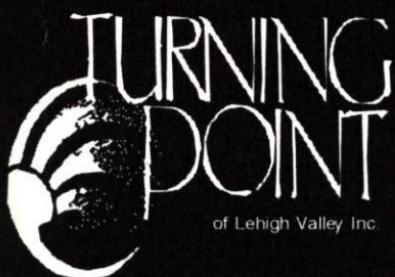
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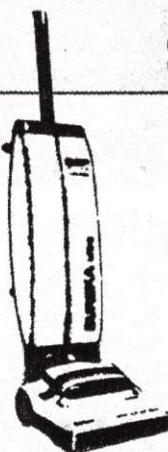


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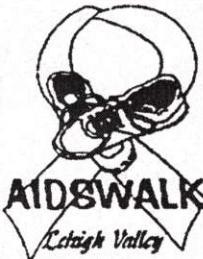
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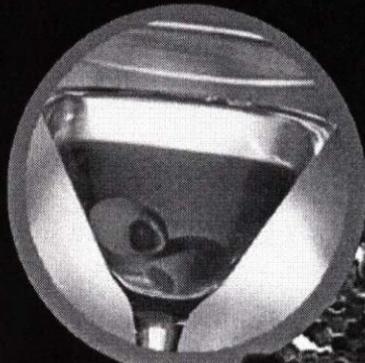
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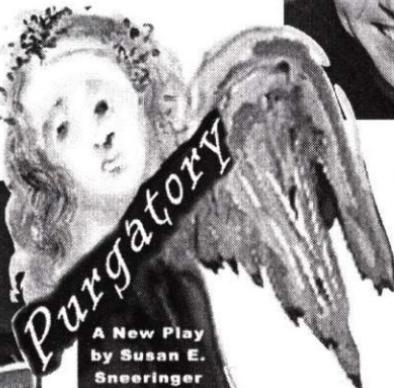
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The LGBT community contributes to our nation in so many ways, in every corner of this country. And in return, you ask only for equal treatment. LGBT Americans deserve the right to make medical decisions for one another in times of crisis, the right to inherit a house purchased together and equal access to health insurance, social security and retirement benefits. Together we can provide this simple justice.

I want to lead an America where the inscription "Equal Justice Under the Law" has both meaning and value for all Americans, not just some Americans

With best wishes,



John Kerry

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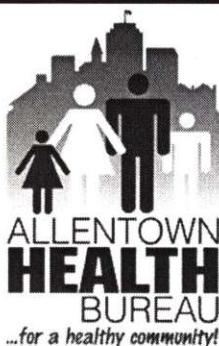
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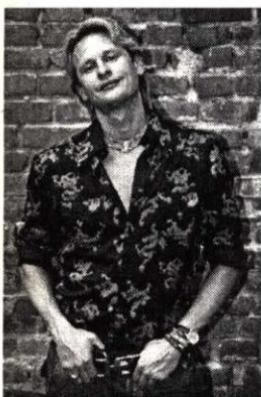
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Carson Kressley, Queer Eye For the Straight Guy



Raised in Claussville, PA, Carson first realized that he was gifted at the age of four when he realized that plaid and stripes never go together. He developed his keen fashion sense on the playground by mixing and matching the other children's outfits in his head and dreaming of a world where knew that it was a cardinal sin to wear white after Labor Day. Professionally, Carson is an independent stylist. Carson graduated magna cum laude and phi beta kappa from Gettysburg College with degrees in Finance and Fine Art and is also a nationally ranked equestrian. (www.queereye.com)

Alix Olson, Nationally Recognized Spoken Word Artist

A Bethlehem, PA native, Alix Olson is a nationally touring folk poet and progressive queer artist-activist whose quick wit, fearless poetry, and charismatic presence sells out venues across the country. One part peace vigil, one part protest rally, and one part joyful raucous concert, Alix ignites audiences everywhere she performs. (www.alixolson.com)

Keith Haring, Artist



Keith Allen Haring was born on May 4th, 1958, in Reading, Pennsylvania. But the Harings lived in Kutztown, a nearby Pennsylvania Dutch farm community, where Keith was raised. Today, a vast national and international public remembers Keith Haring for his strong, provocative, often smile-inducing works. But it is the children of every nationality and all walks of life that will remember Keith as their very special friend. (www.keithharing.com)

My New pride Pals

We hope you have a chance to meet many new friends! Be sure to swap e-mail addresses, screennames and phone numbers!

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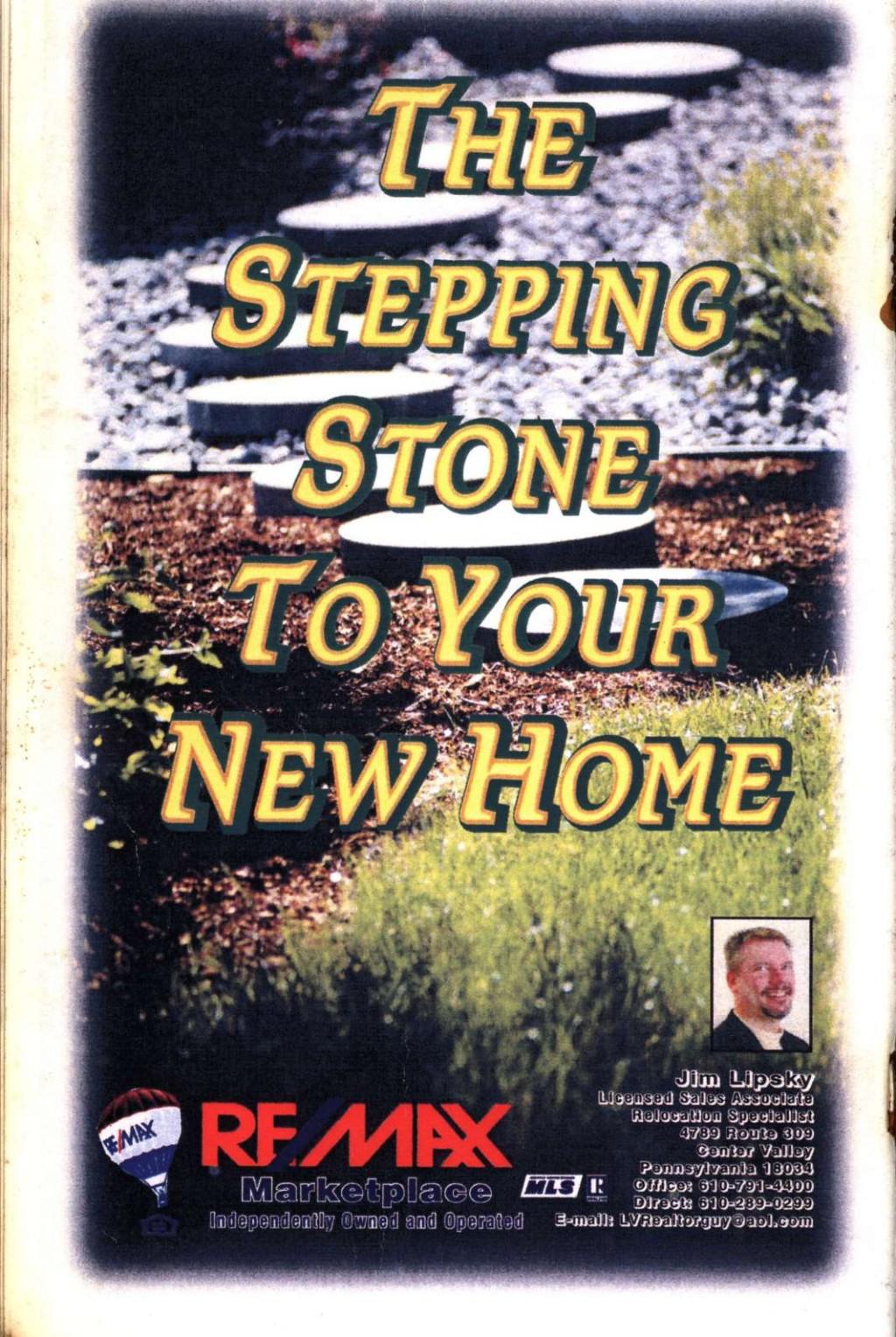


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